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FIRST STOP AT HALIFAX

NC-1 With Load of More Than 24,000 Pounds Rises in 10 Seconds in Test.

Soon after the sun glints over the edge of the Atlantic to-morrow morning at Rockaway Point the three naval NC flying boats-the greatest seaplanes in existence will rise from the surface of the sky. Jamaica Bay to fly by a devious route of 4,514 miles across the Atlantic to Eng-

The time was officially announced yesterday afternoon by Commander John H. Towers, leader of the expedition with the inevitable proviso of the experienced aeronaut-"weather permit ing." By midafternoon-in less than half the time the fastest ship has ever steamed the distance—the seaplanes should be in Halifax harbor, 540 nautical miles away, the first stopping point on the trip. If they are not settling down on the waters of the Nova Scotlan port before the sun sets it is a good idication that their chances of spanning

e Atlantic are slight.
"The obstacle most likely to prevent the start on Tuesday morning will be fog on the coast of Nova Scotia," said commander Towers yesterday. "We must have clear weather there. Of 10. at this end or if there is a strong head wind against us, but the principal thing to worry about is fog at Nova Scotta, We will start if there is only a weak Wind Holds British Six Weeks.

So far, by holding back the British fiers at Newfoundland for six weeks, the wind has favored the Americans, but at any moment there may be a change,

Twenty men, seven each in two planes and six in the third, will fly to-morrow morning, but five will be dropped at Newfoundland for their weight in gasolene. Each plane with its load on the first lap of the journey will weigh approximately 24,000 pounds. This is two tons less than the weight with which each flying boat will be burdened on the ucial lap of the transocean journeythe 1,200 knot stretch between Trepassey Bay, N. F., and the island of Fayal, in

One passenger to be dropped at New foundland is Lieutenant-Commander R. E. Byrd, U. S. N., who will fly in Commander Towers's seaplane in order that he and Commander Towers may carry out special navigational experiments. Despite the division of dreadnoughts and the destroyers which will patrol the route with numbers painted on their decks, and with powerful searchlights and wireless apparatus to direct and possibly to rescue the seaplanes, their navigation for hundreds of miles through unknown air currents over an unchang-ing rim of water and possibly through fogs is a difficult problem. On the shoul-ders of Commander Towers will rest the onsibility if the seaplanes should get

aboard the flagship Perry to-day, many shore leaver parties from the vession from the vession as combination of information obtained from the usual sources and from special churches were American blue-jackets. The start of the property of

The start will be absolutely without eremony. The planes will be moored off shore to-night ready for the trip and to-morrow morning each man will clutch the five pounds of personal effects he s permitted to carry and go aboard

Then the seaplanes will go.

No visitors will be permitted to enter
the grounds of the station and no mail or other unnecessary junk will be car-ried. Even Brownie, the talented NC pup who can loop the loop will be left on the beach. His weight in gasolene night mean the difference between suc-

ess and failure.

The start from Newfoundland will probably take place about ten days after the start from Rockaway, but here again

the phrase "weather permitting" looms like a spectre over the navy.

"There is absolutely nothing of importance remaining to be done to the three seaplanes." Commander Towers said yesterday. "They have not all been tried out under full load, but this is unnecessary, as their other tests have shown them alike in weight carrying ability. The NC-3 has had a five hour engine test, the NC-1 will have a test of two hours more, as she has had only an hour and a half so far, and the NC-4

will have two hours more.

The route from here to Halifax, and indeed the entire route, will be practically all over water. We will skirt the coam line as far as Cape Cod, pass over the projecting elbow, and then head away from land toward Halifax."

New Test for the NC-1.

The NC-1 had her first test yesterday since a fourth engine was installed and since the wrecking of her wings in the hig storm a month ago. This is the plane which carried fifty-one men on one trip, and which has flown from Hampton Roads to Rockaway at a speed of seventy-one miles an hour. She showed qualities yesterday which seemed to surman those of her younger but not spryer

Her first mat was to rise from the



water with eleven men aboard and with a total load of 24,000 pounds in twenty-two seconds. On this flight she merely skimmed along the water for haif a mile at a height of twenty feet before coming down and heading for shore.

The wires controlling her allerons were of unequal tension.

While remedying this defect mechanicians unconsciously exhibited her re-

nicians unconsciously exhibited her re-markably strong construction. They walked over her wings and stood on the cross wires connecting her struis and frame, as they might have walked ver a locomotive or steel shed.

After the wires were adjusted the sea

plane, with Commander H. C. Richard-son an added starter, making a full dozen men aboard, taxled slowly over dozen men aboard, taxled slowly over toward Barren Island and turned. Hardly had the roar of her speeding en-gine reached the watchers at the sta-tion than the ruffle of white about her broad hull suddenly disappeared. She was off the water. Her time in making this take-off was clocked at ten seconds. This is said to be a record for this type of flying boat. Besides Commander Richardson, Lieut.-Commander M. A. Richardson, Lieut.-Commander M. A. Mitscher, Lieut. L. T. Barin and Lieut D. H. McCullough were pilots during

the trip.

For fifty minutes the NC-1 cruised

To-day it is probable that all three planes will take the air for final tuning up flights. Their wireless apparatus, oth telephone and telegraph, is in good working order and little remains to be one in the way of details.

DESTROYERS ARRIVE AT U.S. FLIGHT BASE

Seven Links of Chain to Azores in Trepassey Bay.

ishing their fuel and supplies will pro-ceed to the Azores. Their orders require them to reach their stations by May forgot, upwards I fly.

equal strength, was commanded by Capt.

Harry Balbridge of the destroyer
Stockton. Leaving New York Thursday
and enveloped in fog from Fire Island
to Trepassey Bay, it navigated 1,100
miles entirely by directional wireless,
with which the giant transatiantic seanlanes will be southneed.

tered the harbor soon after her compan-

aver Aroostook and piloted by Ensign P. Talbot, circle over water and land, test-ing air currents. Unused to the noise

While rivalry with the British aviators their taking the air.

The Aroostook brought also another small plane, not yet assembled, for air tests, and any rescue work needed at the start of the flight from this point. The Aroostook carries, besides spare parts, five Liberty motors for use in the vent the NC planes need refitting.

While warship commanders went aboard the flagship Perry to-day, many

Active preparations are in progress at the "big hop."

the United States air station at the Official prediction of rain for Engeastern passage of Halifax harbor for land for the next two days was received the reception of the naval aviators.

MURDER SUSPECT A SUICIDE.

Sick of Life," Said Indicted Man After Jump in Boston Jail.

Boston, May 4.—Alexander Krolle of Chelsea, under indictment on a charge of murder, died in a hospital to-day as a result of injuries received yesterday when he jumped from a balcony in the when he jumped from a balcony in the Charles street jail to the floor forty feet below. In a brief period of consciousness he told hospital physicians he was "sick of life."

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FLIERS PAY TRIBUTE MAY 4 WAS DAY TO DEAD COMRADES 293 Years Previous Minuet

Squadron Drops Roses on the Building in Which Memorial Services Are Held.

AN IMPRESSIVE EULOGY

Crowds in Atlantic City See Manœuvres of Mourners High in the Air.

Special Despatch to Tur Sex. who died in the war were in progress; about, disappearing from sight out at sea and reappearing far to the north. She flew over the station again at 700 feet, leaving behind her a thin black smear of burned gasolene, which was the only cloud that obscured the blue of the sky. day a squadron of filers led by Eddie began. and dropped roses on the structure. The SHAD NETS BROKEN the second Pan-American Aeronautical Convention to the memory of the heroic dead. A great crowd on the pier watched with intense interest the manœuvres the winged mourners.

Augustus Post, who presided, pointed out that self-sacrifice—the spirit carried to Europe by the Yankees—was the spirit of America during the war. He referred to the dead air fighters as noble

examples of that spirit.

The Rev. Henry Merle Mellen, pastor of the Frist Presbyterian Church of this city, who delivered the eulogy of the day, said: "The dirgo that we with peculiar fitness should sing at this ser-TREPASSET, N. F., May 4.—The first tal hymn, 'Nearer My God to Thee.' The stroyers to be stretched across the Atlantic by the United States navy for its transoceanic flight reached this New-joyful wing cleaving the sky. Nay, she oundland base to-day, and after replen- must have had some divinely fine sense

This first flotilla, to be followed at to wonderful physical heights and from one-day intervals by two other groups of the greater heights of duty and achievestrope

planes will be equipped.

The trip was said by Capt. Arthur Convention, assembled in memorial Crenshaw, base commander here, to meeting in the presence of Almighty have been one of the severest tests this God, wish most solemnly to avow our means of navigation ever had. Only overwhelming debt to the heroic courage the destroyer Phillip became separated and devotion of those who gave their from the flotilla in the fog, but she en- lives through military aviation for the

While the natives were watching the large dirigible is expected to arrive in unusual congestion in their snug harbor to-day they were startled to see a small speed plane, brought here by the mineuring the ground on the Atlantic City air port and have been locating stakes

for a large airship.

It is understood here that arrangeof even an automobile, horses, sheep and goats were sent scurrying across the British dirigible make the trip to Amerfields, alarmed at the roar of the motor, ica. A representative of a concern makfields, alarmed at the roar of the industrial ica. A representative of the industrial while their owners stared skyward spell-ing Italian dirigibles also is in Atlantic bound. igible make the trip here by air. Great further up the Newfoundland coast is Britain is known to have at least two keen, officers asserted that the start large dirigibles capable of making 4 here would be hastened by indications of non-stop flight across the Atlantic They non-stop flight across the Atlanta ships, of are the R-33 and R-34, twin ships, of are 650 feet long and capable of lifting

BRITISH FLIERS AGAIN HELD.

Bad Weather at Sea Prevents Star in Ocean Trip.

here, and is accepted as indicating a delay of more than forty-eight hours.

GET MACHINE GUN FOR RIOTS.

Lawrence, if Necessary, LAWRENCE, Mass., May 4.—The police announced to-night that they had obtained a machine gun and men to man i

The dyers and finishers adopted resolutions to-day urging the manufac-"sick of life.

Krolle and Mrs. Stella Archook were indicted in February for the murder of the woman's husband by putting poison the woman's husband by putting poison lessness by granting a reasonable wag decrease." To meet the high cost of lighter than the high cost of light



OF ANNIVERSARIES

Became Governor Here.

Yesterday was the anniversary of any notable events in history. On May 4, 1775—144 years ago— Patrick Henry forced Lord Dunmore of

Virginia to pay for powder seized; first overt act of war in Virginia. On May 4, 1814—105 years ago— Bonaparte reached Elba.

at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. panies C and D, 306th Machine Gun On May 4, 1899—twenty-nine years tallon, and was directed along Special Despatch to Tur Str.

On May 4, 1890—twenty-nine years

ATLANTIC CITY, May 4.—As memorial ago—about 170,000 English workingmen services for aviators of the allied nations met in London and advocated an eight

On May 4, 1894—twenty-five years ago

BY HUGE STURGEON

Fishermen Suffer Losses and Plan Hunt.

Special Despatch to THE SEN. POUGHKEEPSIE, May 4.—A huge stur-geon that fishermen say weighs more of course, dug foxholes and prepared to than 200 pounds, the first sturgeon of hold their positiems as directed. than 200 pounds, the first sturgeon of any size that has been seen in the than 200 points.

any size that has been seen in the Hudson River in years, is causing worry among the shad fishermen of this section. Hardly a day passes that their nets are not torn when they start to haul them in after leaving them out commotion about their nets, but on pulling them in they find the meshes torn where a large fish had become en-meshed, but had torn its way out. Some fishermen have seen the fish, which they describe as the largest ever seen in

Shad nets are now expensive luxsaid nets are now expensive lux-uries, the average costing more than \$100. Dozens of nets have been de-stroyed. An organized effort is being made to land the huge fish, but it is feared this is the forerunner of an in-vasion of sturgeon. If this is the case it will raise havoc with shad fishing. Sturgeon, or "Albany beef," was at one time one of the cheapest commodities in this market, but now smoked

sturgeon sells for \$1 a pound. caviar were made near here after the Russian formula, but this industry is now extinct.

TWO HELD AS BANDITS.

Attempted Holdup for Payroll Is Frank J. Custer, 19, of 3076 Park avenue and Michael Barth, 31, of 29 Brad-nurst avenue were held in \$20,000 ball each yesterday for an alleged attempt to hold up Julian-Schurmans, manager of a house cleaning concern at 445 Amsterdam avenue, after he had drawn the

weekly payroll and returned with it to had fied, frightened, the detective said, by the sound of his own gun, which he had fired at Schurmans. Barth was overtaken by Harry McCormick, a truck iriver, at Eighty-first street and Broad-

COSTA RICAN BATTLE NEAR.

Reenforcements Sent to Nicaragnan Frontier.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, May 4

GEN. ALEXANDER ON 'LOST' BATTALION

Continued from First Page.

On May 4, 1826—293 years ago—Peter Minuet arrived at New Amsterdam as Governor. Its population then was estimated at 200.

On May 4, 1775—144 years ago—Patrick Henry forced Lord Dummore of this advance was detailed and wounded. As the result of this advance two German officers, twenders was made two machine guns ty-eight men and two machine guns were captured.

Trench Crossed, Wire Overcome

On May 4, 1861—fifty-eight years ago
—President Lincoln informed foreign
Governments that he would employ force

Countreed and overcome, This attack vas delivered by Companies A, B, C, E, On May 4, 1865—fifty-four years ago. G and H, 398th Infantry, accompanied the body of President Lincoln was buried by sections of machine guns from Companies C and D, 306th Machine Gun Batter C and D, 306th Machine G and D, 306th Mac wooded heights and slopes east of the ravine referred to. D and F companies, 308th, were west of the ravine referred On May 4, 1894—twenty-five years ago to, and held that position, while the a series of insurrections in Cuba Third Battallon of the 208th Infantry

road. This position was about 500 meters east of the Moulin de Charlevaux on the steep bank which runs down from the road to the bottom of the ravine. The machine gun sections were placed on the flanks of the line and the left flank was refused—somewhat with a view to securing what was considered

. The orders contemplated that the line, on advancing to the east and west road referred to would reorganize, perfect its liaison between the organizations, exploit the ground to the front by means of strong patrols and prepare for advance to be started when ordered. At daybreak on October 3 Company E was detached from the command and started back along the line of advance, the intention being that it join Companies D and F on the west of the ravine, attack with them, and bring up the left of the line to its proper position in liaison with the companies already on the objective. In order to clear up here the ments of this company, it may be stated

Infantry. This company had been designated by the Colonel of the 307th as the liaison group between his regiment and the 308th Infantry. It now came up and took its place at the right of the line, anticipating an advance by the remainder of the front line battalion of the mainder of the front line battalion of the 307th Infantry. The situation from that time on until the remainder of the line

the store on Saturday.

Custer was captured in a basement at 203 West Eighty-first street, where he when the remainder of the line came up. position, repulsed numerous attacks of

Bois de la Naza has been referred to of giving way early on the morning of the division sector a Boche trench of the division sector and t

talion of the Divisional Reserves located at the entrance of the Ravin Fontaineaux Charmes, near La Haranzee, move at once to the vicinity of the Depot des Machines, informing the commanding General, 154th Brigade, of this action and directing him to utilize his brigade reserve for the purpose of protecting his left flank, at the same time placing the battalion of the Divisional Reserve at his disposal for a brigade reserve in necessity for its use in that capa-should arise. French Information Errenceus.

It was contemplated of course by me that the brigade reserve would stop the gap existing on my left flask. I knew that the French had made no advance, whatever they had attempted, al-though the information I received from he corps placed the French at Lancon I told the corps, however, that the in-formation was entirely erroneous, and the event demonstrated that my estima-tion of the situation was a correct one. Notwithstanding my orders to the commanding General of the 154th Bri-

gade the brigade reserve was not placed where it could accomplish the end de-sired. Instead of being placed facing Third Battalion of the 308th Infantry was further to the rear.

Upon reaching the objective a position for the night was taken up along the Al Viergette-Moulin de Charlevaux road. This position was about 500

narville from the east.

The situation of Major Whittlesey's command was of course recognized by me as being extremely critical. He had gone into action with his reserve rations only—supposedly a supply for two days. Fear was entertained that his appropriation supply might run out, and ammunition supply might run out, and consequently every possible effort was made by the division to advance our line so as to again come into communications of the communication cation with him. For this purpose five direct attacks, preceded by such ar-tillery preparation as was possible, were delivered against the trench systems o the west of the sector, but none of these attacks succeeded in breaking Neither could the right (153d)

through. Neither could the right (153d) brigade advance. Effort was also made by means of he Air Service to reach Col. Whittlecommand with ammunition, ra tions and carrier pigeons for communi-cation, but owing to the density of the undergrowth and the consequent uncerainty of his actual position, none of these efforts met with success; two planes and two aviators being lost in the

The position on the Bois de la Naza ments of this company, it may be stated that upon moving to the rear for the purpose indicated, it was found that enemy forces had got into position during the night and very few of the men of this company got through; one platoon returning to Col. Whittiesey's command and one officer and eighteen men of the company finally getting through to the south.

The position on the Bois de la Naza was strong in itself, and was sufficiently organized to offer serious obstacles to an advance. In addition to this, my right flank was quite exposed, there being no friendly troops in touch with me on that side, except some scattered elements of the division on my right, which were quite out of touch with all the remainder of their division. Meanwhile, every effort was being made to filter men in Lisison Group of 307th Armics.

About 7 A. M. on October 3, the command was joined by two officers and about eighty men of Company K. 307th Infantry. This company had been designated by the Colonel of the 307th as the lisison group between his regiment. notion of the Rau Fountaine Aux shot wound in the left arm. Charmes and the Rau de Charlevaux at the western end of the Bois de la Naza.

Advance Is Bitterly Opposed.

Effort was made to build up a line been given.

Col. Whittlesey's command held its north of the stream juncture. These efforts were bitterly opposed by fire com-ing from the reverse slopes of the Bois de la Naza and the ridges to its west. when the remainder of the line came up. The remainder of the line upon attempting to advance found decidedly stubborn opposition in its front, and was able to make but small advances at any one time.

The opposition on the spur known as these organizations began to show signs these organizations began to show signs

of the division sector a Boche trench system was found running down from La Palette across the spur which leads west from the Bois de la Naza. This trench system, probably but very lightly occupied at the time of Whittlesey's administration with Col. Whittlesey's command had been cut off for five days and it was realized that they must be short of rations and probably of ammunition as well. At the first sign of weakening of the hostile resistance of determined advances was made and the state of the state of

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the evening of October 2 that the bat- | command as "The Lost Battalion" and to speak of its "rescue." In the opin ion of the Seventy-seventh Division neither of these terms is apposite. Major Whittlesey conducted his command to the objective designated for him by the division commander, occupied the posi-tion assigned him and held that position until the remainder of the division was able to move up to him. He held it with the indomitable determination which has characterized the work of the American soldier wherever he has been called upon to perform a task. This command was neither "lost" nor "rescued." It suffered heavy losses; it was subjected to fire from both enemy and supposedly friendly artillery. (The French, in spite of my determined protest, placed artillery fire on this ravine the morning of the 7th of October, being guite convinced that the command mu

have surrendered.)
Notwithstanding all of this Col. Whittlesey and his command held the position to which they had proceeded under my order and were found by me when visited them on the very early morning of October 8, an organized command, in good order and in excellent spirits. It may be noted that a demand for sur-render, made on the morning of the seventh when the command was under its most disadvantageous circumstances was repelled with scorn, the command feeling perfectly competent to look ou for itself even then.

WOMAN STRANGLED AFTER BEING BOUND

Victim the Mother of Three Children.

BARRE, Vt., May 4 .- The naked body of Mrs. Harry E. Broadwell, 29 years old and the mother of three children was found in a garden off North Main street éarly to-day, with the throat bound tightly with a man's handker-chief and the hands, still in kid gloves, bound tightly at the back. Death was by strangulation, according to the police, whose theory is that the woman was murdered in a nearby building and the body dragged to the garden before day-

Beside the body were found the woman's watch and hat and twenty feet away her open pocketbook, which was empty. Close by were found all the articles of clothing except the shoes and Hygiene performed an autopsy, but did not make public his report.

SHIP CALLS POLICE BY RADIO. Fireman on Deck Is Wounded by a

Mysterious Shot.

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